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Amdt. Dated July 25, 2003  
Reply to Office action of March 31, 2003

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Appl. No : 09/402,488 Confirmation No.: 6010  
Applicant : Maurice M. Moloney,  
Joenel Alcantara and Gijs van Rooijen  
Filed : February 16, 2000  
Title : Method for Producing and Cleaving a Fusion  
Protein with an N-Terminal Chymosin Pro-Peptide (Amended)  
TC./A.U. : 1652  
Examiner : Manjunath N. Rao  
Docket No. : 9369-98  
Customer No. : 001059

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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#### AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated March 31, 2003. We are simultaneously submitting a petition for a one month extension of time rendering the deadline for response July 31, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.